

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****JUL 11 2006****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	4258-112
)		
Applicants:)	Conf. No.:	5253
MATO DE LA PAZ, Jose)		
Maria, et al.)		
)		
Application No.:)	Art Unit:	1614
10/540,212)		
)		
Date Filed:)	Examiner:	Changhwa J. Cheu
January 12, 2006)		
)		
Title:)	Customer No.:	
METHOD OF DIAGNOSING)		
NON-ALCOHOLIC)		
STEATOHEPATITIS (NASH))		
USING MOLECULAR)		
MARKERS)		

23448**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION CERTIFICATE****ATTN: Examiner Changhwa J. Cheu****Fax No. (571) 273-8300**

I hereby certify that this document, along with any enclosures identified herein, is being filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, via facsimile transmission addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date specified below, and transmitted to United States Patent and Trademark Office facsimile transmission number (571) 273-8300.

7
Number of Pages (including cover)

Steven J. Hultquist

July 11, 2006
Date

**RESPONSE TO JUNE 12, 2006 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION
NO. 10/540,212**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir: